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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION : EXAMINER:  
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FOR: COMMUNICATING WITH A  
COMPUTER BASED ON THE  
OFFLINE PURCHASE . . .

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent  
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, delete in its entirety and substitute therefor the following substitute page 1  
submitted separately on the next page of the present amendment.